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Applicants: Jose I. Arno, et al. )  
Application No.: 09/212,107 )  
Date Filed: December 15, 1998 )  
Title: Apparatus and Method for Point-of- )  
Use Treatment of Effluent Gas )  
Streams )

Group Art Unit: 1754


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**RESPONSE TO MARCH 28, 2000 OFFICE ACTION IN U.S. APPLICATION 09/212,107**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2000 in the above-identified patent application, wherein a restriction requirement has been imposed against claims 1-50 as originally filed and pending in the application, between:

- claims 1-9, 14-16, 50 (Group I);
- claim 10 (Group II);
- claims 11-13 (Group III);

- claims 17-20 (Group IV);
- claims 21-29, 34-49 (Group V);
- claim 30 (Group VI); and
- claims 31-33 (Group VII),

applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the Group V claims 21-29 and 34-49.

It therefore is requested that prosecution of the application proceed and be based on the elected group V claims 21-29 and 34-49.

This election is made with express reservation of the right to file divisional application(s) directed to the subject matter of the Group I, II, III, IV, VI and VII claims, during the pendency of the present application or during the pendency of a further continuing or divisional application based on and claiming priority of the present application.

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